



SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Families,

The New Year brings with it stories of practices and resolutions. Nearly everyone can tell a story about a promise to one's self or a list of resolutions to bring change in thought, attitude or behavior. A central Salesian educative maxim is the practice of relating to the young by a "parola nell' orecchio". Loosely translated, this phrase means a simple word or whisper in the ear, an encouragement along with a correction. St. John Bosco, the founder of the Salesians, intended that this whisper deepen a relationship by showing empathy for the young. In this practice a young person is never singled out in public or humiliated as a means of correction. A word or whisper was meant to offer encouragement, then a correction in a tone of loving-kindness. By saying something positive, perhaps something humorous or non-threatening, then a young person may be more disposed to hear a correction.

The young people St. John Bosco encountered in the streets were hardened by their common experiences of poverty, feelings of isolation and acts of desperation. During an era of economic hardship and violence, St. John Bosco asked Salesian educators and the Salesian Family to relate to the young by words, simple and brief, that offered promise and hope as well as correction and guidance. In the secular educational environment of his time, the young were often corrected by more repressive measures, either by harsh verbal correction or corporeal punishment. Instead of these repressive punishments, St. John Bosco's mindset intended to create relationships built upon words, or parolina, that were neither authoritative nor pedantic; the message was melded to the way it was shared.

Recently, Salesian Father John Malloy, former principal and director living at the Salesian Residence on campus, jotted me a note that echoed the intended whisper. Brief and encouraging, his kind parolina – a gentle whisper – told about resolutions made and promises kept. His note remains on my desk; I hear his gentle words.

As the Salesian family seeks ways to relate to the young in confusing and frightening times, we may resolve to gently whisper words, "parola nell' orecchio" of encouragement and guidance. This simple practice worked in St. John Bosco's time and may become a practice or resolution for this New Year for our Salesian families.

May you have a New Year filled with gentle whispers and loving-kindness,

Timothy Chambers
Principal

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A Day for Celebrating Saint John Bosco

Don Bosco Day is Friday, January 29th. This is a Salesian tradition and a day when the entire school community takes time to develop spirit and a sense of family. Before the fun and games begin, students arrive dressed up for a Mass. At the end of Mass, students are allowed to dramatically voice a tradition here at Salesian – the request for two days off. The Bishop patiently listens to their playful pleas and decides whether to grant the request or not. This year, the Administration anticipated his consent and calendared holidays for March 15th and May 3rd. They appear on your calendar as “Bishop’s Holiday.” These days commemorate Don Bosco and provide for relaxation within a demanding academic semester. Dismissal time will be 1 PM on Don Bosco Day.

Guidance Department News

Guidance Counseling

Guidance Counselors are finishing meeting with the last few sophomores and juniors. They will then have had appointments with all students. Counselors met with students individually to discuss their academic progress this year and to consider college and career goals. Juniors completed a college search program on the internet and sophomores completed a career search survey on the internet.

Guidance Counselors will return results of the PSAT (juniors), PLAN (sophomores) and the TASK (fresh) during the first few weeks of January. Please ask your child to share these test results with you! If necessary, Guidance Counselors have a copy of your child’s test on file. Please call the Guidance Office if you have any questions about the test results.

Official Transcripts

Seniors can request an official transcript from the front office. The first two official transcripts are free and any others are \$5.00 each. You do not need to send an official transcript to UC’s until after graduation. Send your official transcript to CSU’s and private colleges only upon their request.

SENIOR PARENTS

Please submit your Cal Grant Release form to the Guidance Department as soon as possible. Students can pick up another form from the Guidance Department if needed. You should complete this form immediately and return it to the Guidance Department. In order to be considered for a Cal Grant, you must complete the FAFSA and Salesian must submit your GPA to the California Student Aid Commission. Cal Grant awards are determined by GPA and income guidelines.

Financial Aid & Scholarships for College

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is now available online and the submission deadline is March 2nd but you should file it earlier as many colleges have earlier financial aid deadlines. The website to access the FAFSA is www.fafsa.ed.gov. This application qualifies students for many types of financial aid for college. Other scholarships are available through the colleges themselves. Please contact the financial aid office of the colleges you are interested in for more information.

The Guidance Department is offering a parent workshop titled, “*College Financial Aid Night for Seniors*” on **January 14 at 7:00 PM** in the cafeteria. It is for parents and students wanting assistance with the form. Other financial aid information will also be available at this workshop.

Various websites are available which offer additional scholarship information. A list of these sites is available from the Guidance Department tab on the Salesian High School website. Scholarships are also listed on the website under “Scholarship Opportunities.”

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Athletic Department

Congratulations to both the girls' and boys' basketball teams who were off to fast starts to begin the 2009-2010 basketball season. Both teams entered Bay Shore Athletic League play with 11-1 pre-season records, and both teams began league play with victories over the Eagles of Kennedy High School. Please come out and support the Pride basketball teams as the season continues, and remember that all of the winter schedule information can be found at www.salesian.com under athletics.

As the spring athletic season fast approaches (beginning on February 8th), this is another reminder to make sure to update all physical examination information with our front office. As a rule, athletes cannot participate in CIF interscholastic competitions without a current pre-participation physical examination. Therefore, if your son or daughter participates in Baseball, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Golf, Track and Field, Boys' Volleyball, or Boys' Tennis, please check with our front office to ensure that their information is correct and current.

Go Pride,
Coach Nightingale



Attention 9th Grade Parents

English teacher, Ms. Sarah Trott, is taking maternity leave for the entire third quarter, January 6 - March 12. Ms. Patricia Devlin assumes Ms. Trott's teaching responsibilities during her absence. Ms. Devlin graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Mills College, received a teaching credential from U.C. Berkeley, and a Master's Degree in Education from Michigan State University. She began teaching in 1991 and has taught in the United States, Japan and Hungary.

We welcome Ms. Devlin to the Salesian faculty and family. If you need to reach Ms. Devlin you may contact her through e-mail at pdevlin@salesian.com.

Interact Club Fundraising Dinner



Contact Henry Moe for Information
(510) 234 - 4433 x 1104
hmoe@salesian.com

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Message from the Finance Office

Tuition Assistance applications are now available. They are due on Friday, February 12, 2010.

There are four ways to get your application forms:

1. Download the forms from http://www.salesian.com/finance_assistance.asp
2. Pick the forms up in person from the Main Office or the Finance Office
3. Request the forms be mailed to you. Contact Gina Mendez in the Finance Office at 510.234.4433 x1127
4. Request the forms via email at gmendez@salesian.com

If you have any questions regarding the Tuition Assistance process, please contact Gina Mendez at

Relief Efforts in Haiti

All of us at Salesian are concerned about the recent tragic event in Haiti. We join together as a family in prayer to support the Salesian schools and works in Haiti and with all of the people suffering there at this time.

We urge everyone to pursue support through prayer and monetary support, if possible. Please be cognizant of scams that easily prey on donors at times like this. Research organizations before you donate. A reputable organization to send donations to is the Catholic Relief Service at www.crs.org.

A Friendly Reminder from The Attendance Office

The Parent/Guardian must call the Attendance Office each time the student is absent. When the student returns to school after an absence, they are required to bring a note signed by their Parent/Guardian with the date and reason for the absence.

Thanks!

Molly J. Couto, Registrar/Attendance

Parent Involvement Hours

Parents of Freshmen and Sophomore students, please note: As stated on page 35 of the Student-Family Handbook, "Families who have not completed at least 30 of the required parent hours by April 30, 2010 will be billed a \$1,000 fee. Parents who have completed at least 30 of the required hours will be billed for the remaining unfulfilled hours at the rate of \$40 per hour."

Parents of Junior and Senior students, please note: All hours must be completed by April 30, 2010. Families who have completed the minimum required number will not be billed a deposit for next year. Families of seniors who have completed the minimum required number of hours will receive a refund of the \$200 deposit.

Service Hours are hours worked at an event. There is an events calendar titled "Parent Volunteer Opportunities" on the school website, showing upcoming events at which Service Hours can be earned. Click on the event for more information or to find out how to volunteer.

Participation hours are earned whenever you attend a school event. See page 36 of the Student-Family Handbook for a list of possibilities.

Please see our Parent Volunteer Opportunities Calendar on our website www.Salesian.com.

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Mystery Players

You are needed and called to this ministry with students.
Parent Hours Opportunity and Lenten Resolution

When: Friday evenings in Lent, February 19 – April 2, 2010

Need: Drive a van, organize and order dinner, prayer assistance, set-up, publicity and marketing, costume and/or prop maintenance.

Where: Salesian Mystery Players share the dramatic presentation at area churches.

The Mystery Play is a dramatic, multi-media living meditation on the Way of the Cross. Six Mystery Plays are presented in local church sanctuaries during the Lenten season. Although there are no speaking parts by the players, the use of colored lightening, and authentic costumes, add an element of mystery to this dramatic presentation. Darkness, shadows, lights, music, costumes and narration are the essential elements of a Mystery Play.

All play rehearsals are at Salesian in the late afternoon or early evening. Students are asked to commit themselves to these rehearsals and Friday evenings during Lent.

Your assistance is needed in helping this group of 15 – 20 students with a successful Lenten season and a meaningful prayer experience. This is an opportunity to be involved in the lives of these young people. If any parent or guardian is interested in assisting and receiving generous parent hours, please contact Mr. Chambers at 510-234-4433, extension 1110 or tchambers@salesian.com.



The Princess Project 2010

The “Fashion for a Cause” Club is accepting donations to benefit the Princess Project 2010. The Princess Project promotes self-confidence and individual beauty by providing free prom dresses and accessories to high school girls who cannot otherwise afford them.

We will accept donations through the end of February. Donations can be dropped off in the school’s main office.

- Ideal donations include long, formal gowns from 2004 to NEW, in EXCELLENT condition and in ALL fabrics, sizes and colors; purses of all shapes and colors; fancy jewelry, including earrings, bracelets and necklaces; and wraps or shawls.
- Dresses must be dry-cleaned and on hangers.
- Dresses must be formal gowns or fancy party dresses.
- Accessories must be stylish, clean and in excellent condition.
- We cannot accept shoes, make-up, casual or semi-formal clothing, wedding dresses, tuxedos and unclean garments.
- Donations are tax-deductible through The Princess Project.

For more information, please contact Dina Trombetta, Admissions Director, at 510.234.4433 extension 1128 or dtrombetta@salesian.com.

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Viva Salesian! Celebrating a Night with the Holy Rollers!

Salesian High School's 2010 Auction and Casino Night

Saturday, April 17, 2010

Salesian High School Gymnasium

5:30 PM: Doors Open and Silent Auction Begins

6:30 – 11 PM: Casino Gaming

7:30 – 8:30: PM Buffet Dinner

9 PM: Dessert and Live Auction Begins

Dinner & Auction Only: \$30 per person; \$50 per couple

Dinner, Auction & \$250 of Gaming Script: \$50 per person; \$90 per couple

Cash, checks and credit cards accepted

Additional \$250 of Gaming Script: \$25

Gaming script will be exchanged for raffle prize drawings at the end of the event.

You must be present to win.

Free bottle of wine for reservations with a table of 10.

Tickets: Ticket forms are available on the Salesian web-site. Tickets will be sold at the Drop-Off collection dates (see article below) on Saturdays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 27 from 10 AM -1 PM. Buying tickets at the Drop-off Collection dates will earn you early bird incentives, including extra gaming scrip, free drink tickets and extra parent hours.

Tickets will also be sold at Re-enrollment and Report Card Night in March but with fewer incentives.

Questions? Contact Charisse Wan at thewan@comcast.net or 510.799.7874

Donation Drop-Off Collection Dates

Saturday, Jan. 30* & Feb. 27, 2010

At Salesian High School Cafeteria

From 10 AM – 1 PM

Donate New Gifts Only. Must provide a receipt or proof of purchase.

*Double Parent Hours will be given for each \$20 value of the donation on January 30 only.

Cash Donations: Earn 5 Parent Hours for every \$50 donated.

Beverage Donations: Beer, wine, water, soda, and distilled spirits.

Must provide a receipt or proof of purchase.

Parent Volunteers Needed to Work:

Earn Parent Hours by helping with drop-off collection, set-up, clean-up, catering/food service, bagging merchandise, ticket sales, front door, gaming script sales, & marketing.

Contact Karla Rodriguez, Viva Salesian's Volunteer Chairperson,
at purplekr69@yahoo.com or 510-932-0535 if you can help.

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FEBRUARY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Black History Month	2 Ground Hog Day	3 Late School Start	4	5 Minimum Day New Student Interviews	6
7 Progress Reports Due	8 Spring Sports Begin	9	10 Late School Start Senior Parent Information Night 7 PM	11	12 Junior Retreat Tuition Assit. Applications Due Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 St. Valentine's Day	15 President's Day School Closed	16 Mardi Gras	17 Late School Start Ash Wednesday	18	19 Mystery Players	20 Interact Club Fundraising Dinner
21 First Sunday of Lent	22	23	24 Late School Start Black History Month Assembly	25	26 Mystery Players	27
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Please See Our Sports Schedules and
Parent Opportunities Calendar On-Line at www.Salesian.com